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SUBJECT: ARGONAUT/PETROZAIRO CASE

REF: A) STATE 203346, B) KINSHASA 8189

1. PETROZAIRO DELEGUE GENERAL MPEYE TOLD EMBASSY OFFICER SEPTEMBER 8 THAT HE HAS RECEIVED DECISION OF THE APPEALS COURT AND WISHES TO DISCUSS A SETTLEMENT WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF AEGEAN SHIPPING CO. ALTHOUGH HE SAYS IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO DISCUSS SETTLEMENT IN PERSON WITH A REPRESENTATIVE OF AEGEAN, HE SUGGESTS THAT SUCH A VISIT BE POSTPONED UNTIL HE IS ABLE TO DETERMINE FROM MINISTER OF ENERGY WHEN FOREIGN EXCHANGE MIGHT BE MADE AVAILABLE TO PAY THE JUDGMENT.

2. MPEYE ALSO SAID THAT AT END OF LAST WEEK HE WAS CONTACTED ON BEHALF OF AEGEAN BY A LOCAL MARKETING CONSULTANT, MR. KANI PAPIDIMITRIOU, TO WHOM HE GAVE THE SAME INFORMATION. MR. PAPIDIMITRIOU HAS NOT CONTACTED THE EMBASSY, NOR IS HE KNOWN TO THIS OFFICE.

3. EMBASSY SUGGESTS THAT ARGONAUT KEEP IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH MPEYE, WHO ASSURES THAT PETROZAIRO WISHES TO MEET ITS COMMITMENTS, BUT WILL NEED TIME TO WORK OUT THE FOREIGN EXCHANGE
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PROBLEM. HIS ADDRESS IS PETROZAIRO, B.P. 7617, KINSHASA 1, ZAIRE.

4. FYI: MPEYE STATED THAT PETROZAIRO STILL THINKS THE ARBITRATION AWARD WAS TOO HIGH AND INDICATED THAT PETROZAIRO WILL TRY TO NEGOTIATE A MORE MANAGEABLE SETTLEMENT.

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